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Ms. Lauren J. Belzin
Office of Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission, Room 808
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Belzin:

I have been contacted by C.W. Layton of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Layton has provided me with a copy of his letter to the Federal Communications Commission regarding his concerns about Baton Rouge CableVision rates.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Please investigate the enclosed information sent to me and provide me with a report. Your reply may be forwarded to the attention of Guy R. Mayer.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely,

John Breau
JOHN BREAU
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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The Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

I wish to lodge a formal complaint against CableVision of Baton Rouge (CVBR). It is my contention that they are not operating in the best interest of the public, that they are engaging in arbitrary and capricious pricing of services and in discriminatory pricing designed to limit low-end service customers.

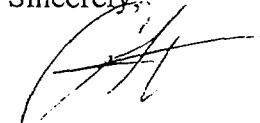
I enclose a copy of a direct mail solicitation I recently received from CVBR. It offers, "A special savings on *Cable TV* (italics mine) and HBO/Cinemax ... Installation is ~~only \$19.⁹⁵~~ Now \$9.⁹⁵...."

When I attempted to avail myself of this order and specified I only wanted basic cable service, CVBR advised me that basic service was not included in the offer and that the cost for its installation was \$60.00, plus one month's fee in advance.

I have no problem paying a reasonable installation fee. I have no problem paying even six months' fees in advance. But it is patently an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory practice to set installation fees for basic service over 700% higher than that for premium service installation.

CVBR obviously desires to circumvent and/or limit their adherence to the recent regulatory act of the US Congress. I maintain that in doing so they have ceased to operate in the public interest and should no longer be permitted a license to operate in the Baton Rouge market.

Sincerely,



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and . . . if that's not enough to make you smile,
here's a very special offer from CableVision.

- Installation is **only \$19.⁹⁵ Now \$9.⁹⁵**
- First month HBO and/or Cinemax for **Half Price.**
- **FREE** Processing with your **FREE** Quicksnap.
- **FREE** Remote Control for one month
- **FREE** Cable Guide for one month.

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